

STUDENTS' LETTER.

SCALE HOW,

AMBLESIDE,

JUNE 15TH, 1904.

DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

We thought you would like to hear about the Conference. As some of you know, we Seniors all went up to Edinburgh for it, and had a most delightful time. We left Ambleside on Friday morning, the 27th, and arrived here again on the following Tuesday night, and in the intervening time we attended sixteen lectures, two garden parties, a reception, a visit to old Edinburgh, and two services on Sunday. We enjoyed the lectures very much, especially "The Education of Character," by Dr. Schofield; "On the Teaching of Mathematics and its place in General Education," by Mr. Garstang; and "Training in the Service of Man," by Mr. Paton. An Ambleside Evening by a former student was a brilliant success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Our various hostesses were most kind, and seemed to lay themselves out to make us as happy and as much at home as they could. The lectures were very well attended by people who seemed really interested in the work of the P.N.E.U. We met several ex-students, which was a pleasure.

Shortly before we went to Edinburgh, Mr. Yates gave us a perfectly delightful lecture on Millet. There were over 80 lantern slides, and Mr. Yates talked about the pictures as they appeared, pointing out the beauties in them, and helping us to appreciate them.

The Thursday after we came back from Edinburgh, Mrs. Dallas Yorke arrived and spent a few days with us. On Saturday there was a garden party at Scale How, and, strange to say, it was perfect garden party weather. Nothing could have been better than that bright, warm, sunny Saturday afternoon. A Schubert concert was given to entertain the guests, and the time passed very pleasantly.

On Sunday it was still lovely weather, and Mrs. Dallas

Yorke talked to us under the beautiful beech tree on the front lawn. She told us all about the Durbar, at which her daughter, the Duchess of Portland, had been a guest. It was most interesting to hear her delightful anecdotes and strange tales of India almost first hand. We were all very sorry when she left on Monday.

The Poetry Club has been holding its meetings very regularly, but as more details of it are given on another page, we need not dwell on it here.

We have been having some lovely Thursday and Saturday afternoon picnics lately: the weather has been beautiful.

We have really had a most eventful term, and our experiences are not yet over, as we expect Mr. Thornley on Tuesday. We are looking forward to his visit immensely, and hope to learn a great deal from him about flowers and insects.

Various orchids have lately been figuring in our Nature Note Books. Yesterday in the class-room there were no less than ten different orchids: the Bee, the Butterfly, the Man, the Spotted, the Marsh, the Sweet-scented, the Bird's Nest, the Scotch, the Early Purple, and the Fly.

On Saturday we have all been invited by Mrs. Richardson to spend the afternoon at Balla Wray. We are going to cross Windermere in small boats, so hope it will be fine.

We are,

Yours very sincerely,

THE SENIORS.